

CARR-1052

4101 Main Street  
Lineboro

c.1901-02

**Summary:**

The Oliver F. B. Wentz Farm is located at 4101 East Main Street in the village of Lineboro. The complex consists of a brick house, which faces north toward Main Street, a brick summer kitchen, a combination smokehouse and bake oven, several sheds, a privy, a bank barn, and a wagon shed. The house is a five-bay by two-bay, 2½-story structure of 6-to-1 common bond brick. There is a gable roof. On the north elevation, the first story has a center entrance and transom. On either side are two 1/1 sash. The northwest corner has a projecting two-story octagonal turret. There is a one-story hip roof porch that wraps around both the east and west sides. It has turned posts and jigsawn brackets. The house is laid out on a center-passage, double-pile plan. The center passage has a straight run of stairs on the east wall. The west wall has double pocket doors. The northwest room has a segmental arch in the northwest corner leading to the turret. There is a mantle on the west wall set to the south, but there is no fireplace here; it has been walled off with recent infill. The southwest room has a mantle on the west wall, to the north. This is a false fireplace, as it apparently never was a usable fireplace. The second story also has a center passage. The rafters are circular sawn and have a ridge pole. The summer kitchen is a three-bay by one-bay, 1½-story structure with 6-to-1 common bond brick walls and a gable roof. The summer kitchen is divided into two rooms. The south room has a large cooking fireplace

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MARYLAND INVENTORY OF  
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. CARR-1052

Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

**1. Name** (indicate preferred name)

historic Oliver F. B. Wentz Farm

and/or common

**2. Location**

street & number 4101 Main Street

☐ not for publication

city, town Lineboro

☐ vicinity of

congressional district

state Maryland

county Carroll

**3. Classification**

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

**4. Owner of Property** (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Harold & Carol Goettner

street & number 4101 Main Street

telephone no.: 239-3730

city, town Lineboro

state and zip code Maryland 21088

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Courthouse Annex

liberLWS 830

street & number 55 North Court Street

folio 928

city, town Westminster

state Maryland

**6. Representation in Existing** Historical Surveys

title Field Sheet - Historic Resources Survey

CARR-1052

date February 1985

☐ federal ☐ state ☒ county ☐ local

depository for survey records Maryland Historical Trust

city, town Crownsville

state Maryland

## 7. Description

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**Condition**

☒ excellent  
☐ good  
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated  
☐ ruins  
☐ unexposed

**Check one**

☐ unaltered  
☒ altered

**Check one**

☒ original site  
☐ moved      date of move \_\_\_\_\_

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

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Contributing Resources: 8

The Oliver F. B. Wentz Farm is located at 4101 East Main Street, at the southeast corner of the intersection of Main Street and Church Street, in the village of Lineboro in northeastern Carroll County, Maryland. The complex consists of a brick house, which faces north toward Main Street, a brick summer kitchen, a combination smokehouse and bake oven, several sheds, a privy, a bank barn, and a wagon shed. The house is a five-bay by two-bay, 2½ story structure of 6-to-1 common bond brick. The brick appears to be pressed. There is a gable roof with asphalt shingles and a ridge that runs east-west. There is an interior brick chimney on each end. On the north elevation, the first story has a center entrance. The door has one light over one panel and has a combed finish. The panel has a sunk field with no panel mould. There are side lights that have one light over one panel, and the transom has been replaced. The doorway has a bullnose frame and a plain soffit and jambs. There are double storm doors with one light over two panels and a four-light transom above it. On either side of the entrance are two 1/1 double-hung sash with wood sills, bullnose frames, recessed segmental arches with a header course placed above them, and adjustable blinds. The northwest corner has a projecting two-story octagonal turret with a 1/1 sash on both the northeast and northwest elevations, but not on the north elevation.

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There is a one-story hip roof porch that wraps around both the east and west sides. It has turned posts, jigsawn brackets and a standing-seam metal roof. The second story has four typical 1/1 sash, plus a typical 1/1 sash in both the northeast and northwest elevations of the turret. The bracketed cornice has jigsawn trim in the frieze. There is a central gabled wall dormer that has wood shingles with clipped corners and a segmentally-arched 1/1 sash. The turret has a gable roof with a northwest-to-southeast-running ridge. The projecting corners of the turret have jigsawn brackets with drop pendants. The tympanum has clipped corner shingles and an oculus.

The west elevation has the turret to the northwest with a 1/1 sash in the northwest elevation, as stated before, and in the southwest elevation of both the first and second stories. The first story also has a typical 1/1 sash set south of the turret and a typical 1/1 sash set just north of a door that is in the south bay. This door has one light over two panels. There is new glass in the transom, and it is segmentally arched, identical to the windows. The door is set in a bullnose frame. The details of the porch on the west elevation match those on the north elevation. The second story has a 1/1 sash in both the north and south bays. There is a tie rod at the attic floor level. The gable end has two narrow 1/1 sash in bullnose frames with wood sills and segmentally-arched lintels. The cornice has returns. The raking eave has a bed mould that appears to consist of two ogees.

The south elevation has a bricked-up opening set west of center in the foundation. The foundation also has hurricane doors to the east. The first and second stories have a typical 1/1 sash in the east and west bays. The center bay of the first and second stories has a new sash. The cornice is identical to that on the north elevation. There is a central gabled wall dormer of brick with a narrow, segmentally-arched 1/1 sash. There is an interior brick chimney centered on this ridge.

The east elevation is identical to the west, but without the turret at the northern corner. Set between the door in the south bay and the window just north of it is a brick wall running east-west. It butts up against the house on the west and runs approximately 6 feet to the east to the north wall of the summer kitchen. This wall is actually contiguous with the wall of the summer kitchen and, thus, must be original to it. There is a doorway in this wall that has a splayed brick jack arch and a beaded-interior-edge frame. The door has nine lights over two panels. The panels have sunk fields and bolection mouldings. Above the jack arch are two courses of old brick, then at least eight courses of pressed brick identical to that used in the house.

The cellar has plastered walls and two summer beams that run east-west. One of them is hewn and appears to be reused, as it has mortises and peg holes. The other is sawn and is heavily whitewashed; no clear saw marks are visible. Most of the joists run north-south and are also reused. There are several circular sawn joists that are 2¾ inches by 8



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inches. The foundation in the northwest corner under the turret is circular, and not octagonal. Some of them are hewn on top and bottom, while others are hewn on all four sides. The joists run from the south wall to the south summer beam, then the second set of joists runs from the south summer beam to the north summer beam, and a third set of joists runs from the north summer beam to the north wall. One of these joists appears to be a plate from an earlier building, as it has notches in it for rafter feet. The floor above consists of circular-sawn, 3-inch-wide, tongue-and-grooved boards that run east-west. There is a bricked-in room in the northeast corner with a one-light sash on the west wall and a four-panel door on the south wall. This door has sunk fields with ogee moulds. The south wall has, set to the east, two chimney piers that are parged and have shelves set in between them.

The house is laid out on a center-passage, double-pile plan. The center passage has a straight run of stairs on the east wall. The open stringer has a combed finished and four reeds along the bottom. There are turned balusters and a square, paneled newel that has sunk flat panels and ovolo panel moulds. There is a ball finial on top of the newel. The hand rail is moulded. The floor is oak and runs north to south. It is 2¼ inches wide. The baseboard has a cavetto above an ovolo. The architrave, which has a combed finish, has an ogee moulding on the back band, a wide ogee in the center of the field, and another ogee on the inner edge. Both the front door and the sidelight panels are sunk and flat with ogee panel moulds. The west wall has double pocket doors hung on a top roller track that lead to the northwest room. These doors have four panels with sunk shallow fields and panel moulds that have an ovolo outside of a cavetto. There is a four-panel door to the northeast room that is identical to the pocket doors, but is hung on plain hinges. There is an old radiator in the northwest corner.

The northwest room has a segmental arch in the northwest corner leading to the turret. The architraves and baseboards are identical to those in the passage. The chandelier in this room may be original to the room. It is brass with four glass domes and was always electrified. There is a mantle on the west wall set to the south. It is wood that has tall, narrow reeded brackets on either side. There are chamfered interior edges around the opening in the mantle, but there is no fireplace here; it has been walled off with recent infill. The mantle bed mould has an ovolo above a cavetto. On the south wall are paired pocket doors identical to those on the east wall.

The southwest room has the same baseboard and architrave as the passage. There is a mantle on the west wall, to the north. It is wood and has pilaster strips with chamfered edges. The frieze has a segmentally-arched applied board and a combed finish. The bed mould has a chamfered bottom corner. This is a false fireplace, as it apparently never was a usable fireplace. There is a door on the east wall to the passage. There may have been a rear staircase in the southeast corner of the room that was originally enclosed. It has now been converted into a bathroom. The oak floor matches the passage.

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The southeast room has been altered to create a kitchen. There was apparently a fireplace on the south wall that was removed by a previous owner. The architraves in this room match the passage. A door has been added by a previous owner, on the north wall, that leads to the northeast room. The northeast room has been altered. It retains the typical oak floor, architraves, and baseboard, but has new wainscot added. The northeast room has an old radiator on the west wall next to the doorway to the passage.

The second story also has a center passage. The four-panel doors are identical to the first story. The baseboards are also identical, but the architraves have a beaded interior edge and a combed finish. There are 3-inch-wide pine floors that run east-west. There is a narrower straight run of enclosed stairs to the attic set above the lower stair. There is a balustrade around the top of the stair in the second-story passage.

The southwest chamber architraves are bevelled, with a beaded interior edge. The door from the passage has an unmarked rim lock. There is an original closet on the north wall set to the west. This door has a cast iron rim lock marked "BLW". The north wall has a door to the northwest chamber. This door also has an unmarked rim lock. The northwest chamber architraves are flat with a beaded interior edge. The treatment of the turret in the northwest corner is identical to that on the first story. The north wall of the turret has a foliate cast iron radiator. There is a closet on the south wall to the west that also has an unmarked rim lock. The woodwork in this room has combed finishes.

The northeast chamber architraves and baseboard match the first-story passage. The door from the passage has a lock marked "BLW". There is a closet on the south wall set to the east and the door has an unmarked rim lock. The northwest corner of the room has a foliate cast iron radiator marked "Union Radiator Co. Johnstown, PA". The south wall has a door to the southeast chamber. The rim lock on this door is marked "BLW". The door from the southeast chamber to the passage also has a rim lock marked "BLW". This chamber has a closet centered on the south wall and the chimney flue is apparently set to the west of it. The closet has a rim lock marked "BLW". The south end of the passage has a bathroom, and the south wall has an old radiator marked "Union Radiator Co.", but this radiator may have been moved here from another location.

The door to the attic has a rim lock marked "BLW". The rafters are circular sawn and are 2 inches by 7¾ inches. They are spaced 24 inches on centers, and support mill-sawn lath. The rafters have a ridge pole and the rafter feet have a small birdsmouth cut that laps over a very narrow plate that is 1 inch by 2½ inches and is nailed to the floor. The nails in the wind braces and the plate have square heads. The nails through the rafter feet into the plate have round heads; one nail is used for each rafter. One of the turret rafters has the point from a cut nail protruding from it. The studs from the turret gable end have one round-headed nail. The front gable has wind braces with cut nails, but studs with round-

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headed nails. The rafter feet are attached to the valley board with cut nails. There are chimney flues centered on the south wall and on the east and west walls. The gable roof over the turret also has a ridge pole.

The summer kitchen is a three-bay by one-bay, 1½-story structure with a rubble stone foundation, 6-to-1 common bond brick walls and a gable roof with a north-south ridge and standing-seam metal. The north elevation has two narrow vents above the stone foundation and a 6/6 sash in the first story. This window has a wood sill, a beaded-interior-edge frame, a splayed brick jack arch, and new shutters. The gable end is identical to the first story, except that it has a straight brick jack arch. The raking eave has a board with a broken field.

The west elevation has a door set to the north with nine lights over two panels. The panels have sunk fields and bolection mouldings. The doorway has a beaded-interior-edge frame and a splayed brick jack arch. The center bay has the same doorway, but the door has one boarded-up light over three panels with sunk fields and no panel moulds. The south bay has a typical 6/6 sash with beaded-edge vertical-board shutters on "T" hinges. There is a cantilevered porch roof on the west elevation and an interior brick chimney with a corbelled cap on the south.

The south elevation has no openings on the first story. The gable end has a 2/4 double-hung sash and a beaded-interior-edge frame with a wood sill and a new shutter. This opening is set east of center. The east elevation has two small vent holes above the stone foundation and two typical 6/6 sash with new shutters. There is a wood box cornice.

The summer kitchen is divided into two rooms by a wall that runs east-west. There is a door in this wall that has four panels with sunk fields, ogee panel moulds, and plain cast iron butt hinges. The architraves are mitered with a beaded interior edge. The floor throughout the summer kitchen is new. The south room has a large cooking fireplace with straight brick jambs centered on the south wall. The fireplace is brick set on top of stone at the base and was originally plastered on the interior. It has a wood mantle tree and a plain wood mantle shelf set on two ogee-profile brackets. There is a short crane on the west side and there was apparently another on the east side, as the holder for the crane is still imbedded in the brick jamb. To the east of this fireplace is a closet with a beaded-edge, vertical-board door hung on plain cast iron butt hinges. It has a beaded-interior-edge surround. To the east of the closet is an enclosed winder stair with two steps set below a beaded-edge vertical-board door, but has a beaded-interior-edge surround. There is a ceramic flue liner set in the wall between the two rooms, and it is stamped "L. KOPP". There is another of these ceramic flue liners set above the kitchen fireplace. West of the fireplace is a cupboard with beaded-edge vertical boards and a plain surround that was probably added later. On the west wall, to the south, is a concrete trough. The windows all



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have metal spring latches, and the architraves match that of the door between the two rooms. The floor joists throughout the building have also been replaced.

The upper story has a pine floor that runs north-south. The boards are  $4\frac{3}{4}$  inches or 5 inches wide and are tongue and grooved. The upper story is divided in half by a wall that runs east-west and has a peg rail on it. There was originally a door in this wall. The surround for the doorway is bevelled, with a beaded interior edge. The ceiling is now finished so the rafters are not accessible. The northern room is, itself, divided in two by a north-south wall that is set east of the door. There is a beaded-edge, vertical-board door in this wall that has a bevelled architrave with a beaded interior edge. There is also a peg rail on this wall. This small room to the east has hooks hung on the lath that is attached to the underside of the rafters. The architraves are fastened with square-headed nails.

About 10 feet south of the summer kitchen is a combination smokehouse and bake oven. It is a one-story structure with a gable roof that has a north-south ridge and wood shingles that are about eight years old. It has a rubble stone foundation. There is a brick chimney in the center of the building. The north elevation is two bays and has vertical-board siding. The east bay has a beaded-edge, vertical-board door to the smokehouse and the west bay has beaded-edge, vertical-board double doors to the bake oven. The west elevation has flush horizontal-board siding. On the south elevation, the stone foundation is higher in the west bay and has a clean-out opening in it. There is a corner board, and the horizontal-board siding is nailed with cut nails. The east bay, however, has tongue-and-grooved, vertical-board siding. This siding is also used in the gable end. The east elevation also has tongue and grooved vertical-board siding. The bake oven has a stone lower section with brick on the upper portion. There is a semi-circular brick-arched opening with a metal frame on the north side that opens to the oven. The metal door is a recent replacement. Just inside the opening on the floor of the oven is a clean-out, or hole, in the floor. There is a flue at the rear or south end of the bake oven. The bake oven has a squirrel-tail flue that runs on the outside of the oven from the rear or south up to the north and then the flue runs upward and is corbelled over to the east. The north side of the front of the flue has an opening. The east side of the structure has the smokehouse. It is built of sawn lumber and has beams running east-west. These beams contain metal hooks on which to hang the meat. The rafters are also sawn. There is a brick wall on the west set on top of the stone foundation for the bake oven that divides the smokehouse from the bake oven proper. On top of this wall is a vertical-board wall. The south end of the smokehouse has a stone fire pit with an iron grate on top of it.

About 5 feet east of the smokehouse is a building that was probably a poultry house. It has a concrete foundation, beaded-edge-and-center vertical-board siding, and a shed roof with inverted-V-seam metal that slopes down to the north. The south elevation has three



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hatches. There is a door on the east and three doors on the north. All of these doors match the siding on the structure.

About 20 feet east of the poultry house is a shed with vertical-board siding and a gable roof of inverted-V-seam metal with an east-west ridge. There is a vertical-board door on the north elevation, to the west. The south elevation has two doors on rollers. This shed is built with a hewn, heavy-timber, mortised-and-tenoned-and-pegged frame. It has sawn rafters that are approximately 3 x 3 inches and are mitered at the ridge. The shed has been extended on the north about two feet with circular-sawn and nailed lumber. On the west side of this shed is a privy with a concrete foundation, vertical-board siding, and a shed roof of corrugated metal that slopes to the west. There is a door on the north elevation. The privy is a one-seater of 2 x 4 construction.

About 5 feet east of the first shed is another shed. The space between these two sheds has been infilled to connect them and make them one structure. This later shed has board-and-batten siding and a gable roof of inverted-V-seam metal with an east-west ridge. The south elevation has a vertical-board door on rollers set to the west. There is an eight-light sash in the center bay and a vertical board door to the east. The east elevation has a beaded-edge vertical-board door on rollers. The north elevation has a wood vent of vertical lath to the east that is set up high. The center bay has a beaded-edge vertical-board door and the west bay has a four light sash set above a short, beaded-edge vertical-board door. This shed also has a hewn mortised-and-tenoned-and-pegged frame. The rafters are approximately 2 x 3, are sawn, and are mitered at the ridge. The west wall was removed in order to link the two sheds, and circular-sawn lumber was used in this connection. The shed has a center wall running north-south that divides it in two. The wall is constructed of sawn lumber and is whitewashed. It has a vertical-board door on cast iron butt hinges set high on the wall. The shed has a wood ground sill that is hewn on the top. The bottom of the sill cannot be seen. The east end of the shed was originally a hog pen and has a straight run of stairs along the center wall. This center wall is of horizontal tongue and grooved boards. There is a second floor in this end. The floor framing appears to be mill sawn. The rafters here are circular sawn and are mitered at the ridge.

About 40 feet east of this shed is a bank barn with a north-facing forebay. This barn was originally part of the farm, but has since been broken off and is owned by someone else. The barn is a five-bay by three-bay, two-story structure. The barn has a rubble stone lower story, horizontal novelty siding on the upper story, and a corrugated metal gable roof with an east-west ridge. On the north elevation the lower story has, from east to west, a wide new opening, a vertical-board dutch door on strap hinges, two four-light sash, another vertical-board dutch door on strap hinges, and a pair of vertical-board wagon doors on strap hinges. The wagon shed on the west end is integral with the barn. The upper story of the north

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elevation has a tall vent on each end, then a vent with a 4/2 sash set at the bottom of it, set inside of each end bay. The center bay has vertical board double doors.

The west elevation has vertical-board siding on the lower story and three vents in the upper story with one vent set in the gable end. The east wall of the wagon shed is stone, with a four-light sash set behind horizontal bars in the center bay and a vertical-board dutch door on strap hinges in the south bay.

On the south elevation, the ramp has a stone wall on the west side, set east of the wagon shed. The lower story, to the west, is open for the wagon shed. The east bay of the lower story has a four-light sash. The upper story has centered double wagon doors on butterfly hinges. On each side of the doors are two vents with 4/2 sash at the bottom of the vents. The east elevation has two window openings on the lower story. The upper story has three vents and a vertical-board door at the south corner. There is also a vent in the gable end.

About 8 feet south of the southeast corner of the barn is a wagon shed that is also owned by the owner of the barn. This shed has a gable roof of corrugated metal with an east-west ridge. The center of the wagon shed on both the east and west elevations is open and there is a corn crib on both the north and south sides. There is a beaded-edge-and-center vertical-board door on the west elevation of each crib. The north elevation has beaded-edge-and-center vertical-board siding, as does the gable end of the west elevation. The south and east sides of the south crib have horizontal slats.

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates c. 1901–02

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☒ D  
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

### Summary:

The Oliver F. B. Wentz Farm was originally associated with the large Conrad Kerlinger property located across the street. Abdel R. Wentz purchased it in 1859. After Abdel Wentz's death, his small farm was advertised for sale in 1901. The farm was purchased by Oliver F. B. Wentz. Oliver Wentz apparently was not satisfied with the existing house and immediately had it replaced or seriously remodeled with the one that stands there today. The house shows the influence of national trends applied to a standard center-passage plan, double-pile house. The survival of the bake oven, one of only a handful documented in Carroll County today, is significant.

Geographic Organization: Piedmont

Chronological/Development Period: Industrial/Urban Dominance A.D. 1870–1930

Historic Period Themes: Agriculture, Architecture

Resource Types: Small family farm, Rural vernacular

The Oliver F. B. Wentz Farm was originally associated with the large Conrad Kerlinger property located across the street (4100 Main Street, CARR-1055), and reportedly had a store on the site during the Civil War. At that time it was owned by Abdel R. Wentz, who had purchased it in 1859. Abdel Wentz had a 139-acre farm with a brick house, but there was no mention of a store in the 1866 tax book. The records suggest that he did open a business about 1870, but this lasted only four years, and the nature of the business is not recorded. Abdel Wentz made improvements to his property in 1884–86, then sold off 115 acres, with some of the improvements, and retained the remaining land at one end of what was developing into the village of Lineboro.

After Abdel Wentz's death, his small farm was advertised for sale in 1901. At that time it was described as having ". . . a 2½-story Brick Dwelling, well finished, with brick summer house; bank barn and all necessary buildings, which are comparatively new. . . ." The summer house was probably the building that still stands on the property, and the bake oven/smokehouse was probably another of the structures already on the site. The farm was

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Oliver Wentz will, WA 12-424, and inventory, WA 25-241

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

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**Significance (continued)**

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purchased by Oliver F. B. Wentz, who was living nearby at 3831 Lineboro Road (CARR-1300). Oliver Wentz apparently was not satisfied with the existing house and immediately had it replaced or seriously remodeled with the one that stands there today. The tax book noted a new house in 1903 worth \$405. This is not a substantial sum, and suggests that perhaps the house was renovated and not completely rebuilt, since the earlier brick house was valued at \$1,200 and the frame barn at \$600. If so, it was a substantial alteration, but several features suggest the possibility. One is the use of 6-1 common bond. By the turn of the century, brick buildings in Carroll County were generally using 8-and 9-1 bond. The floor joists were obviously re-used, but they may not have been moved from their original location.

The house shows the influence of national trends with the use of double pocket doors, turrets, jigsaw trim, gabled dormers, and decorative shingles, yet these elements are all applied to a standard center-passage plan, double-pile house. The survival of the bake oven, one of only a handful documented in Carroll County today, is significant.

Oliver Wentz died in 1921 and the house passed to his widow, Mary, and his son, Leroy. The inventory for 1921 lists farm tools, but no furniture. It passed out of the family in 1962 and was gradually whittled down to one acre.

CARR-1052  
Oliver F. B. Wentz Farm  
4101 East Main Street - Lineboro

CHAIN OF TITLE

GRANTOR	HOME COUNTY	GRANTEE	HOME COUNTY	DATE	LIBER	FOLIO	TRANS- ACTION	COMMENTS
Steven J. & Teresa L. Albert (wife)	Carroll	Harold C. & Carol A. Goettner (wife)	?	5-24-1983	LWS 830	928	Deed fee simple	\$74,000, 1 acre
John J. & Mary E. Ownes (wife)	Carroll	Steven J. & Teresa L. Albert (wife)	Carroll	6-1-1976	CCC 627	29	Deed fee simple	\$5.00, 10.738 acres
David Lee Green & Alma E. (wife)	Carroll	John J. Owens & Mary E. (wife)	Baltimore County	4-6-1971	CCC 484	525	Deed fee simple	\$10.00, 10.738 acres
Le Roy D. & Bertha R. Wentz (wife)	Carroll	David Lee & Alma E. Green (wife)	Carroll	12-11-1962	CCC 354	244	Deed fee simple	\$10.00, 18.9 acres
Phyllis E. Schneider, single	Frederick County	Le Roy D. & Bertha R. Wentz (wife)	Carroll	2-7-1961	331	401	Deed fee simple	\$10.00
Le Roy D. & Bertha R. Wentz (wife)	Carroll	Phyllis E. Scheider, single	Frederick County	2-7-1961	331	397	Deed fee simple	\$10.00
Lola M. Binkley, single	Carroll	Le Roy D. & Bertha R. Wentz (wife)	Carroll	3-24-1955	EAS 244	157	Deed fee simple	\$10.00
Le Roy D. & Bertha R. Wentz (wife)	Carroll	Lola M. Binkley	Carroll	3-24-1955	EAS 244	153	Deed fee simple	\$10.00 3 tracts (1) 3 3/4 acres (2) 28 acres (3) 126 p. Mary S. dec.
James A. & Alice Wentz (wife)	Lineboro, Carroll	Mary S. Wentz Le Roy D. Wentz	Lineboro, Carroll	1-31-1923	EMM 145	259	Deed fee simple	\$5.00, 28 acres (2)

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GRANTOR	HOME COUNTY	GRANTEE	HOME COUNTY	DATE	LIBER	FOLIO	TRANS- ACTION	COMMENTS
Mary S. Wentz, exec. of Oliver B. Wentz	Carroll	James A. Wentz	Lineboro, Carroll	1-31-1923	EMM 145	259	Deed fee simple	will 3-1-1920, probated 10-25- 1921, \$5.00, 28 acres part of Mattingan (2)
Edwin J. Wentz John V. Wentz, execs. of Abdel R. Wentz	Carroll Carroll	Oliver B. Wentz	?	1-18-1902	JHB 94	412	Deed	public sale, 11- 23-1901, \$3,875, 28 acres (2)
Jacob Wolfgang & wife		Abdel R. Wentz		12-24-1859	GEW 26	252		(2)

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Site Plan

CARR-1052

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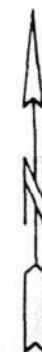
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Oliver F. B. Wentz Farm  
4101 Main St.

Lineboro Quad



Oliver F.B. Wentz Farm

4101 E. Main Street - Lineboro

Carroll County, Maryland

Photo: Kenneth M. Short

Date: Aug. 1994

Neg. loc.: Maryland Historical Trust  
house - north-east; north-west elevations

1/6

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Oliver F.B. Wentz Farm  
4101 E. Main Street  
Limeboro

Carroll County, Maryland

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Date: Aug. 1994

Neg. loc.: Maryland Historical Trust

House-northwest & southwest elevations

2/6

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Oliver F.B. Wentz Farm

4101 E. Main Street

Lineboro

Carroll County, Maryland

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Date: Aug. 1994

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House, Summer Kitchen, bake oven -  
Southwest &  
Southeast





Oliver F.B. Wentz Farm  
4101 East Main Street - Lineboro  
Carroll County, Maryland  
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Date: Aug. 1994  
Neg. Loc.: Maryland Historical Trust  
Summer Kitchen - northeast and  
northwest  
elevations  
4/6



Oliver F. B. Wentz Farm  
4101 E. Main Street  
Lineboro

Carroll County, Maryland

Photo: Kenneth M. Short

Date: Aug. 1994

Neg. Loc.: Maryland Historical Trust

Bake oven interior - view southeast





Oliver. F.B. Wentz Farm  
4101 East Main Street - Lincolnton  
Carroll County, Maryland  
Photo: Kenneth M. Short  
Date: Aug. 1994  
Neg. loc.: Maryland Historical Trust  
barn - east and north elevations

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## DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

225. N. Center Street  
Westminster, Maryland 21157

## WESTMINSTER PLANNING DISTRICT

## FIELD SHEET--HISTORIC RESOURCES SURVEY

SURVEY NUMBER:

CARR-1052

NEGATIVE FILE NUMBER:

UTM REFERENCES:

Zone/Easting/Northing

U.S.G.S. QUAD. MAP:

Lineboro

PRESENT FORMAL NAME:

ORIGINAL FORMAL NAME:

PRESENT USE:

Residence

ORIGINAL USE:

Farmhouse

ARCHITECT/ENGINEER:

BUILDER/CONTRACTOR:

PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE:

Excellent ( )

Good (X)

Fair ( )

Poor ( )

THEME:

STYLE:

Rural Victorian

DATE BUILT:

late 19th c.

COUNTY:

CARROLL

TOWN:

Lineboro

LOCATION:

4101 Main Street (MD 86)

COMMON NAME:

FUNCTIONAL TYPE: Farm Complex

OWNER:

Harold C. Goettner

ADDRESS:

4101 Main St.  
Lineboro Md 21085

ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC:

Yes ( )

No (X)

Restricted ( )

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE:

Local ( )

State ( )

National ( )

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

Structural System

1. Foundation: Stone (X) Brick ( ) Concrete ( ) Concrete Block ( )
2. Wall Structure
  - A. Wood: Log ( ) Post and Beam ( ) Balloon ( )
  - B. Wood Bearing Masonry: Brick (X) Stone ( ) Concrete ( ) Concrete Block ( )
  - C. Iron ( ) D. Steel ( ) E. Other
3. Wall Covering: Weatherboard ( ) German Siding ( ) Board and Batten ( )  
Wood Shingle ( ) Shiplap ( ) Novelty ( ) Stucco ( ) Sheet Metal ( )  
Aluminum ( ) Asphalt Shingle ( ) Brick Veneer ( ) Stone Veneer ( )  
Bonding Pattern: Stretcher Other:
4. Roof Structure
  - A. Truss: Wood (X) Iron ( ) Steel ( ) Concrete ( )
  - B. Other:
5. Roof Covering: Slate ( ) Wood Shingle ( ) Asphalt Shingle (X) Sheet Metal ( )  
Built Up ( ) Rolled ( ) Tile ( ) Other:
6. Engineering Structure:
7. Other:

Appendages: Porches (X) Towers ( ) Cupolas ( ) Dormers (X) Chimneys ( ) Sheds ( )  
Ells ( ) Wings ( ) Other: BayRoof Style: Gable (X) Hip ( ) Shed ( ) Flat ( ) Mansard ( ) Gambrel ( ) Jerkinhead ( )  
Saw Tooth ( ) With Monitor ( ) With Bellcast ( ) With Parapet ( )  
With False Front ( ) Other:

Number of Stories:

2 1/2

Number of Bays:

5 X 2

Approximate Dimensions:

Entrance Location:

Center

THREAT TO STRUCTURE:

No Threat (X) Zoning ( ) Roads ( )

Development ( ) Deterioration ( )

Alteration ( ) Other:

LOCAL ATTITUDES:

Positive (X) Negative ( )

Mixed ( ) Other:

7.5 minute series





1. CARR-1052
2. Carroll County, Maryland
3. Joe Getty
4. February 1985
5. Md. Historical Trust, Annapolis, Md.
6. west elevation